

## **6220 - PEST CONTROL SUPERVISOR**

### **NATURE OF WORK**

**This is specialized technical and supervisory work in the landscaping and maintenance of City parks, median strips, and other landscape areas. Work involves responsibility for assisting with the implementation of landscape plans. The incumbent gives field supervision in a wide variety of skilled functions related to the maintenance of park beautification with emphasis on pest control.**

### **ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES**

**Assigns, coordinates, supervises, and checks the work of assigned crews of skilled and unskilled workers engaged in such activities as: pruning, propagating, spraying, planting, transplanting, cultivating, mulching and trimming trees and plants.**

**Inspects park areas for pests including pathogens, insects, and weeds throughout the City.**

**Determines type of chemical required; mixes chemicals for use of all maintenance crews; personally does spraying.**

**Designs regular routes for herbicide spraying to control growth in flower beds, on athletic fields and along parkways.**

**Coordinates the transportation of workers, equipment and materials to and from work locations.**

**Evaluates the equipment needed to carry out all assignments.**

**Recommends the purchase of equipment and supplies including fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and fungicides.**

**Develops and implement safety programs and training of workers especially in regard to the safe mixing and application of pesticides.**

**Administers plans and projects.**

**Prepares report and studies of park maintenance operations.**

**Performs related work as required.**

### **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES**

**Knowledge of the principles, practices and procedures of landscaping and forestry.**

**Knowledge of the methods, materials, tools and practices used in the propagation, planting, transplanting, digging, and cultivation of nursery stock.**

**Knowledge of the methods and practices of treating grasses, plants, and trees for blights, fungi, insects, parasites, and of diseases peculiar to subtropical climate.**

**Knowledge of occupational hazards and safety precautions, rules and regulations applicable to parks maintenance and construction work.**

**Ability and willingness to work at heights using an aerial bucket truck to investigate and control pest infestations in trees.**

**Ability to read, interpret and assign work from blueprints, sketches, specifications, and construction drawings.**

Ability to estimate labor, materials, and equipment requirements and costs.  
Ability to utilize independent judgment in arriving at decisions concerning administrative and operating problems.  
Ability to understand and carry out complex verbal and written instructions.  
Ability to prepare and maintain accurate records and reports.  
Ability to plan, assign, supervise and evaluate the work of subordinate employees in a manner conducive to full performance and high morale.  
Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with City officials, other employees, contractors, and the general public.  
Ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.

### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

Three (3) months experience in the identification and control of insects, diseases, and weeds as it relates to landscaping and park operations and in the construction, maintenance, and care of parks, parkways, and public areas; or equal. Must obtain Florida Class "C" Commercial Driver's License with "X" endorsement (tanker) within 90 days of appointment. Knowledge of hazardous chemicals used in lawn maintenance. Must obtain limited certification within six months of appointment. (Chapter 482-Florida Pesticide Law).

### **PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Must have the use of sensory skills in order to effectively communicate and interact with other employees and the public through the use of the telephone and personal contact. Some standing, walking, moving, climbing, carrying, bending, kneeling, crawling, reaching, handling, pushing, and pulling in the demonstration of landscape maintenance techniques and the application of pesticides.

### **SUPERVISION RECEIVED**

General and specific assignments are received. The employee uses independent judgment in determining methods and procedures of work, and is responsible for the quality of the completed work. Work is subject to review by observation of the general condition of City parks, median strips, and building landscaping, review of reports, and conferences.

### **SUPERVISION EXERCISED**

The incumbent schedules, evaluates, and is held accountable for the work of supervisory, skilled, and unskilled employees engaged in the maintenance and construction of City parks and other landscaped areas.

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